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No. 1, dated Réunion, the 14th May 1903.

From—J. T. PIAT, Esq., His Britannic Majesty's Acting Consul, Réunion,
To—His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India.

I HAVE the honour to enclose a Report on Indian Coolie Immigration at Réunion for the year 1902.

Report on Indian Coolie Immigration at Réunion for the year 1902, by Mr. Acting Consul Piat.

THE number of British Indian immigrants in Réunion on January 1st, 1902 was 12,044, to which number must be added the number of births during the year, *viz.*, 55, thus making a total of 12,099. From this number the following deductions must be made:—

Released from engagement	90
Permitted to reside	34
Ceased to be immigrants on attaining their 21st year (Decree of March 30th, 1887).	70
Children of second generation who are irrevocably French (Nationality Law of 1889).	*Nil.*
Left for Mauritius, Madagascar, etc.	2
Repatriated to India	95
Died	332
TOTAL . .	623

Thus, the net number to be accounted for is 11,476, which number can be divided as follows:—

On estates containing more than 20 engagés	7,073
On small estates and as domestic servants	4,232
Not employed (vagrants and disappeared)	171
TOTAL . .	11,476

2. The number returned as not employed (vagrants and disappeared) is amazingly low, being 171 as against 1,060 in 1901, a difference of 889. If these figures are correct, which I very much doubt, the only possible way in which one could account for this very large decrease would be that a corresponding number of immigrants reported as vagrants and disappeared in 1901 have resumed work during 1902.

3. Deducting the 171 not engaged (vagrants and disappeared) there remains 11,305 Indian immigrants on December 31st, 1902, of whom 6,636 were men, 3,081 women, 770 male children, and 818 female children. This number was apportioned as follows:—

DISTRICT.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Ste. Rose	89	43	16	33	181
St. Benoit and Plaine Palmiste . .	532	259	69	32	992
Bras-Panon	289	94	21	35	439
St. André, Salazie	720	311	33	36	1,100
Ste. Suzanne	795	282	180	159	1,416
Carried over .	2,425	989	319	295	4,128

District.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Brought forward	2,425	989	319	295	4,128
Ste. Marie	744	239	49	61	1,093
St. Denis	779	711	97	96	1,683
Port, Possession	93	54	10	6	163
St. Paul	912	357	92	90	1,451
St. Leu	319	129	37	34	519
St. Louis	324	91	82	110	607
St. Pierre	896	471	80	75	1,522
St. Joseph and St. Philippe	94	40	4	1	139
Total	6,586	3,081	770	768	11,305

4. This list shows a decrease on the returns for 1901 of 515 men, 244 women, and 63 male children, but an increase of 83 female children, thus leaving a total of 739. It would be rather difficult to explain the increase of female children by 83, considering that the births during the year amounted to 55 (24 only of this number being girls). The decrease in the number of men, women, and children (739), if added to the decrease on vagrants and disappeared (889), would make a total of 1,628. From this total, however, must be deducted 171 vagrants and disappeared and the 823 relieved from engagement for various causes (794), thus leaving a total of 834 immigrants still unaccounted for. This would tend to show that the returns supplied by the Immigration Department, concerning the general Indian population in the Island, are far from accurate, and that these figures are drawn up approximately, so as to, in the end, balance with the general total. There were on December 1st 1902, 685 Indian permissionnaires in the Colony. This number, however, does not apply solely to former immigrants who became permissionnaires, but to all British Indians without distinction (immigrants or residents). I have not been able to obtain a separate return of former immigrants, now permissionnaires.

5. Annex No. 1 shows that 13 employers were reported for prosecution by the Protector or his Syndics to the Parquet. Out of these 13 cases, 12 were for assault, and in one case only, out of the 12, the defendant was tried before the Tribunal de Simple Police by a Juge de Paix and fined 5 francs. The remaining 12 cases were "classés" by the Parquet, *i.e.*, the Procureur de la Republique declined to institute proceedings. I shall not endeavour to make any remarks upon the evident "parti-pris" of the Procureur de la Republique never to cause any alleged cases of assault on British Indians to be brought up for trial before the competent Courts, Mr. Consul Maxse having already fully reported the case to the Foreign Office in his despatches No. 24* of September 20th, 1902, and No. 9 of February 2nd of this year.

* A Pros., May 1903, No. 55.

6. Annex No. 2 gives details of 94 complaints made by immigrants to the various Syndics, of which 38 were found to be justified. Out of 22 complaints of assault, only 3 were held to be well-founded.

7. Annex No. 3 gives a list of all complaints brought before the Consul and held sufficiently well-founded to be referred to the Protector. It will be seen that 82 cases came under this head, out of which 38 were found on further inquiry to be either unfounded or greatly exaggerated, 31 were satisfactorily settled, and the remaining 14, all cases of assault, were unsatisfactory in their ending, having been all "classés" (shelved). All these latter cases having been fully stated in Mr. Maxse's abovementioned despatches, it is not necessary that I should here examine their merits, but I would once more venture to point out how necessary it should be that the Protector be given power of instituting a criminal prosecution without referring the matter to the Pro-

cureur de la Republique, or that this latter official should institute proceedings whenever called upon by the Protector to do so. The former suggestion would, I think, be the better one of the two. It is highly probable, nay certain, that in many cases Indians greatly exaggerate their grievances, and even in a few cases make false statements with a view to annoying their employers. The Protector, by the very position he occupies as head of the Immigration Department, and the knowledge he must therefore have of the immigrants placed under his control, would be better placed to sift through the evidence produced before him by Indian complainants, than the Procureur de la Republique, who, in most cases, and on account of the great amount of work entailed by his office, must direct one of his subalterns, generally a Commissaire de Police with more or less local ties, to proceed with the enquiry, being entirely dependent on such report to form an opinion of his own concerning any such case.

8. The number of condemnations by the superior Courts of the Colony, of Indians, during 1902 was 95 as against 170 in 1901, being a decrease of 75. They are classed as follows :—

Theft	26
Vagrancy and theft	1
Vagrancy	38
Assault	9
Cofidence trick	3
Receiving stolen goods	4
Theft of crops	5
Rape	3
Burglary	1
Abusive language	3
Desertion and swindling	1
Abusing the Police	1
TOTAL	95

The sentences imposed varied from two days' to one year's imprisonment. The value of fines paid by Indians amounted to 225 francs (£11) as against £2-1-8 in 1901. The costs paid by Indians amounted to 1,634 francs (£65-7) in 1902 as against £49 in 1901, an increase of £16.

9. During the year 1902, 355 Indians (a decrease of 130 on 1901) were condemned to work on the roads (macadam). The figures in 1901 were 485 condemned to macadam, 106 paying fines in lieu of labour as against 108 in 1902. I attribute this large decrease in sentences to macadam in 1902 to the great scarcity of labour in the Colony, causing a not unnatural unwillingness on the part of employers to have their engagés sentenced to macadam for any number of days, except in cases when a punishment is absolutely necessary for the good discipline of the estate.

10. A sum of 400 francs (£16) was paid to the Police for arresting Indians, as compared with £37 in 1901, a decrease of more than one-half.

11. During 1902, 95 immigrants were repatriated to India, *viz.*, 65 men, 27 woman, and 9 children. The money they took away with them was returned by the Protector as 4,377 francs (£175),— probably a much larger sum was in their possession, but they did not care to declare the fact publicly. On December 31st, 1902, there were 101 immigrants awaiting repatriation, of which 45 were in the various depôts, and 56 were living with their ex-employers. Two Indians left for Mauritius during the year.

12. One Indian committed suicide in 1902 and one was accidentally killed; 83 were sent to various hospitals, of whom 76 were paid for by the Commune and 7 by private individuals. On December 31st, 1902, there were 35 Indians in the various hospitals and 3 in the Lunatic Asylum.

13. The general death-rate in 1902 was 34·26 per 1,000 as compared with 39·6 in 1901. The death-rate of Indians on estates employing more than 20 engagés was 28·40 per 1,000 as compared with 38·6 in 1901. There were 55 births officially notified as compared with 69 in 1901. It must, however, be borne in mind that children of the second generation are not entered in the immigration lists, being considered as irrevocably French under the French Nationality Law of 1889. Twenty-four marriages according to French Law were celebrated between Indians and 2 between Indians and Creoles.

14. On December 31st, 1902, out of a total of 6,636 men and 3,081 women, there were 5,120 men and 1,953 women working on estates employing more than 20 engagés.

15. The amount paid by Indian immigrants in 1902 for capitation tax was 54,834 francs (£2,193) as against £2,312 in 1901, but this figure is only approximate as the Inland Revenue Officers do not distinguish between immigrant and resident.

16. During the year 5,745 Indians contracted engagement before the various Syndics (5,400 in 1901), of whom 1,648 received bounties to the amount of 132,500 francs (£5,300) as against £6,069 in 1901. 3,522 coolies re-engaged to the same proprietor (3,467 in 1901). As previously stated, the number of permissionnaires in the Colony was 685 on December 31st, 1902, being a decrease of 87 on the previous year. As already explained, the tax on permits-to-reside is levied by the Inland Revenue without keeping any separate accounts, thus rendering it impossible to state the exact figure received from Indian immigrants under this head. The tax varies between 10 and 100 francs a head according to employment. There were 34 new permits given in 1902.

17. Fifty-seven Indian immigrants received assistance in kind from the colonial funds on their departure for India and on their arrival there. A sum of R82 was divided amongst 45 Indians as well.

18. During the year 70 Indians, born in the Colony of parents born in India, have become French citizens in accordance with the Nationality Law of 1889. The civil status of these Indians is extremely illogical. Up to their 21st year they are considered as immigrants, and as such submitted to compulsory engagement, and every way treated as an engagé under the Convention of 1861. As soon, however, as they reach their 21st year, they cease to be immigrants under Article 2, Section 2, of the Decree of 1881, but still retain their British nationality for another year, when, if they have not elected for British nationality in accordance with the terms laid down in the French Nationality Law of 1889, they become irrevocably French on reaching their 22nd birthday. As these Indians never repudiate French nationality, they all become French citizens, and are therefore called up for military service under the French colours. They must appear before the Conseil de Revision, who decides whether they are "good" or "unfit" for military service. In every case they are supplied with a "Livret miltaire," and become electors. It is then that their civil status is most illogical, for although they are French citizens, electors, good for service, etc., etc., (in fact possess all the rights of French citizenship), yet they are, in accordance with an agreement made with the British Government, exempted from active military service and never join the colours, remaining, in that one respect, British subjects. These Indians therefore enjoy all the benefit of being French citizens, except when it comes to paying what the French term "l'imoot du sang," when they are, in a way, considered as British subjects.

19. As regards the position of the second generation of Indian immigrants born in the Colony, their case has now been finally settled by the Indian Government as set down in their despatch No. 78 of 1902 to Lord George Hamilton, copy of which was transmitted to this Consulate by the Foreign Office in Mr. Hardinge's despatch No. 1 of March 10th last. These immigrants are irrevocably French. A Pros., Dec. 1902, Nos. 4 and 5.

20. No foreign labour was introduced in the Colony during 1902. The number of immigrants now working the soil is rapidly decreasing every year, and unless a fresh supply of labour be obtained, the Colony is doomed to ruination in a very near future.

21. There is, at the time of writing this report, a general outcry in the Colony against the two Deputés (especially Monsieur de Mahy) for their prolonged opposition to Indian immigration, and it is just possible that His Majesty's Government may shortly be approached by the French Government with a view to such resumption. I have made this the object of a special despatch.

22. In 1901, the Conseil General had voted a prohibitive tax on persons of African and Asiatic origin residing in the Colony, but this tax has been rejected by the "Conseil d'Etat" as unconstitutional.

23. In conclusion, I can but repeat what Mr. Consul Maxse has stated in his Report for 1901, *viz.*, that on the whole, British Indians are well treated in this Colony, and that the larger majority of planters are just and kind in their dealings with their engagés.

ANNEX No 1.

Roll of Complaints preferred before Syndics by Indian Immigrants during 1902.

Nature of Complaints.	St. Denis. Founded.	St. Denis. Not founded.	Ste. Marie. Founded.	Ste. Marie. Not founded.	Ste. Suzanne. Founded.	Ste. Suzanne. Not founded.	St. André. Founded.	St. André. Not founded.	Bras-Panon. Founded.	Bras-Panon. Not founded.	St. Benoit. Founded.	St. Benoit. Not found d.	Ste. Rose. Founded.	Ste. Rose. Not founded.	St. Joseph. Founded.	St. Joseph. Not founded.	St. Pierre. Founded.	St. Pierre. Not founded.	St Louis. Founded.	St Louis. Not founded.	St. Leu. Founded.	St. Leu. Not founded.	St. Paul. Founded.	St. Paul. Not founded.	Port. Founded.	Port. Not founded.	Total. Founded.	Total. Not founded.
Claiming wages . . .	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	8	2
Claiming rations . .	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	4	5
Overworked	...	1	...	2	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	4
Assault	...	5	...	2	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	3	19
No medical care . . .	...	3	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	14
Forced to re-engage . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Received no clothes . .	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Various	1	2	...	...	...	7	2	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	17
Total .	3	12	...	8	23	17	3	...	1	1	4	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	5	...	3	1	...	38	56

ANNEX No. 2.

Return of Masters prosecuted before the Courts in 1902 at request of Protector.

Name of Master.	Name of engagiste and nature of complaint.	Result.
M. Francois, St. Denis	Vingadassamy Nellaya; assault	Case "classé" (shelved).
M. P. Sers, St. Denis	Kichenin Barbatia; assault	,, ,,
M. A. Foliguet, St. Denis	Antony Savariaye; assault	,, ,,
M. A. Savignæ, St. Denis	Yanadi Sinson; assault	,, ,,
M. G. Dubuisson, St. Denis	Vayaboury Counjan; assault	,, ,,
M. Hibon, Ste. Marie	Apadon Yaganai Kalom; assault	Sentenced to a fine of 5 francs and costs.
M. Cazalon, Ste. Marie	Virapin Minatchy; assault	Case "classé" (shelved).
Ernest Morimien, Ste. Marie	Coulin Sinacouty; assault	,, ,,
M. Kerveguen, Ste. Suzanne	Gobalsamy Ayapoulle; his engagement is over and his livret is not returned to him.	Complaint utterly false and engagiste acquitted.
M. L. Ganche, St. André	Anamonton Mouniama; assault	Case "classé" (shelved).
Louis Elochi, St. André	Sinivassin Virapin; assault	,, ,,
M. Baran, Bras-Panon	Singuin Comorapin; assault	,, ,,
M. F. Leliēne, St. Leu	Vellin Sellin; assault	,, ,,

ANNEX NO. 3.

Roll of all Complaints preferred at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants during the year 1902.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant, Employer or Estate.	Nature of complaint.	Reply of local authorities.	REMARKS.
1	10th January.	Mounousamy Mangata; Doctor Pignolet; St. André.	Complains of being continually ill-treated, and can produce witnesses. Wishes to return to his master unearned bounty and have his engagement cancelled.	Complaint is not understandable, as complainant now wishes to continue his engagement and the witnesses cited declare that they never saw Dr. Pignolet ill-treat him.	
2	13th "	Joseph Riton; St. Denis.	Has been called up for military service, although he is the son of an Indian immigrant born in India.	Man was called up by mistake and is now exempted from joining the colours.	
3	17th "	André Nöel; Succession Veyriēns; Bras-Panon.	Complains that he is overworked and ill-treated, and has received no wages for December. He further states that he complained to his master on three occasions, but was each time sent to macadam.	Complaint unfounded. Man was punished for vagrancy and desertion. As regards wages, an illegal stoppage took place, but strict orders have been given to prevent recurrence.	
4	20th "	Mounousamy Virassamy; Monsieur Adam; St. André.	States that since his discharge from hospital his engagiste has refused to give him his rations and told him to go away.	Complaint unfounded. The man's rations were given him. He was illegally absent four days.	
5	31st "	Arnassalom; Monsieur Robert; Ste. Marie.	Was engaged as a carter; eight months ago he broke his leg and now finds that he cannot work. This man is nearly 80 years of age.	This man especially begged to be kept as a carter. He will now perform light work. As soon as his engagement is over, he will be granted a "dispense d'engagement" in view of his age.	
6	2nd February	Poinoumanien Moutousamy; Ravine Creuse; St. André.	Complains that when he was in hospital, the hospital assistant put acid on some sores on his leg. On his complaining to the Manager of the estate, the latter turned him out of hospital and told him to go and work.	Man entered hospital on January 7th. Doctor saw him on January 10th, and approved of treatment. This man is suffering with syphilitic sores.	
7	3rd "	Sammy Rangassamy; St. André.	Has been called up for active military service, although both his parents were born in India.	Man made a false statement; both his parents were born in the Colony.	
8	5th "	Sacori Carapoullé; Monsieur Pirame; St. Denis.	Complains of having been violently assaulted by his master.	Complaint unfounded. Monsieur Pirame was not at St. Denis on the day mentioned.	
9	5th "	Marapin Moutoucavédin; M. de Kewegnen; Ste. Suzanne.	Has just left hospital and was for a day or two given light work. Now, however, his engagiste wishes him to carry loads of manive, but he is still too weak to do so.	Complaint unfounded. Engagement has, however, been cancelled.	
10	16th "	Pavade Pajany; M. Claverie; Ste. Suzanne.	States that during his absence the hut where he lives was broken into by his master's orders; his effects and furniture carted away to another estate where he was told he would work in future. Also that a sum of 300 francs he had saved, was stolen when his hut was thus forced into.	This man's hut was illegally broken into by M. Claverie's orders. Protector has remonstrated with M. Claverie about this case and has issue strict orders to the Syndic that, in future, such illegal act should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. Complaint as regards money was sent to Parquet, but the case has been "classé" (shelved).	Mr. Maxse wrote to His Excellency the Governor concerning this case, and in reply received His Excellency's assurance that, although M. Claverie's action was illegal, yet it was not of such a grave nature as to institute criminal proceedings against that gentleman. Orders had been issued to the various Syndics that such cases should never occur again. On the whole, the question was settled to the satisfaction of His Majesty's Consul.
11	16th "	Govinden Virin; M. Claverie; Ste. Suzanne.	Preferred exactly the same complaint as Pavade (No. 10), except that he did not mention having lost money.	Same reply as above applies to this case.	
12	26th "	Sinin Ariapoutry; Convenanu Estate; Ste. Marie.	Is ill and unable to work. Does not receive proper medical attention.	This man entered hospital and was discharged 13 times from November 15th to February 24th. All that time he was seen by two doctors (alternately).	
13	26th "	Mardemouton Valliamú; St. Denis.	Is now without engagement. A sum of 75 francs is claimed from him by his last engagiste, but he denies owing the money.	Man owed nothing to his last engagiste, but to another man. This is made evident by a judgment passed by Juge de Paix.	
14	28th "	Mojinguelan Vardin; Crédit Foncier; Ste. Marie.	His engagement has been over for last 12 months, but engagiste refuses to return livet.	This man was on four different occasions sent to gaol, averaging in all to 23 months, for desertion.	
15	6th March	Batassardi Mouchapanaïk.	His engagement has now been over for two years, but his master refuses to return his livret.	This man is a very bad character. Was sentenced by higher Courts to imprisonment for vagabondage, theft, abuse of confidence, etc.	

Roll of all Complaints preferred at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants during the year 1902—contd.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant, Employer, or Estate.	Nature of complaint.	Reply of local authorities.	Remarks.
16	11th March	Sangapo lé Sanganaïk; M. Barbot; St. André.	His engagement is now over, but he has not yet received his livet. He wishes to be repatriated to India.	This man has 73 journées de remploi to put in.	
17	18th "	Elly Ramin; St. André	Her son, a lad of 11, has run away from her. She wishes him to be brought back to her. This woman is awaiting at the depôt repatriation to India.	The boy was twice arrested and brought back to her. He ran away a third time, but cannot now be traced. Elly has now left for India without her child.	
18	18th "	Rangassamy Kichenin; Succession Vinson; Ste. Marie.	Complains that he has been ill for the last month, but did not receive proper medical attention.	Complaint unfounded. Man was in hospital February 10th and 11th, was away from work on 12th, worked on 13th and 14th, and finally deserted till now (June 1902).	
19	21st "	Oussenekan Pintahy; M. Adam de Villius; St. André.	His son, a lad of 17, has left him to engage on another estate. He wishes his son to be engaged on the estate where he (the father) is now employed.	Son absolutely refused to get engaged on same estate as his father. However, he is now employed on an adjoining estate belonging to the same owners.	
20	21st "	Tamby Minatchy; Succession Bellier; Ste. Suzanne.	Is ill and unable to work. Wishes to return unearned bounty and have his engagement cancelled.	Engagement has been cancelled. Man declared that he never was ill, but simulated illness to have his engagement cancelled.	
21	8th April	Antony Sarriama; M. de Pontlevoye; Ste. Rose.	Is engaged as "colon partiaire;" his engagement is now over, but his master refuses to re-engage him or to buy his share of the crops raised by him (sugarcanes and vanilla).	There has been a misunderstanding which has now been arranged. Crops were sold by Indian and he paid M. de Ponttwoye his share in the sale.	
22	9th "	Anadi Sinson; St. Denis.	Was violently assaulted by his master and bears marks and cuts on his face.	Case referred to "Parquet," but "classé" (shelved) for want of evidence.	Case reported to Foreign Office in Mr. Maxse's despatches, Nos 24 of September 20th, 1902, and 9 of February 2nd, 1903.
23	10th "	Periassamy Nallayacaondin; M. Dussac; St. Leu.	States that he was assaulted by his master in the presence of witnesses.	Complaint unfounded. Case was, however, transmitted to Parquet, but returned "classé."	Case reported to Foreign Office in despatches mentioned in No. 22.
24	14th "	Vingadassamy Ellapa; M. François; St. Denis.	Complains of having been violently assaulted by his master. Man appeared at Consulate, his clothes covered with blood, and he was still bleeding from cuts about his face.	Complaint utterly false. Case was sent to Parquet, and it was found, after inquiry, that he had fallen down some steps whilst in a state of utter drunkenness.	Protector privately stated to Consul that in his opinion the man was a liar. He had seen M. François, who had made a very favourable impression on him. (*Vide* remarks No 22). Case reported in same.
25	15th "	Pavade Mangataye; M. Lamarque; St. André.	States that his engagement was cancelled, but that the Syndic refused to return his livret. Acknowledges owing M. Lamarque 187 francs.	Engagement was cancelled and man given a permis to find another engagiste. As he could find none, he resumed work.	
26	15th "	Marimouton; M. Michel; St. Denis.	His master wishes him to replace 64 days during which he was ill.	Man had 34 days to replace. He has now re-engaged to same master.	
27	15th "	Vingadassamy; Ellapa (*vide* No. 24).	Wishes to be sent to depôt until a solution be arrived at in his case.	Request granted. Engagement has, however, now been cancelled.	
28	23rd "	Abjulkan Amourkan; St. André (*vide* No. 61).	Is old and infirm, and wishes to obtain a "dispensée d'engagement."	Man is already a permissionnaire. His permis will only be over on June 30th.	
29	28th "	Ramondon Tataya; M. Robert; Possession.	Complains of having been severely assaulted by his master. Appears to have been severely cut and bruised on the right knee, causing a general swelling of the lower part of the leg.	Complaint utterly unfounded. Man was engaged on April 2nd; deserted estate from April 15th to April 30th, so was not on estate at time of alleged assault. Case was, however, transmitted to Commissaire de Police, but was "classé".	The Commissaire de Police, who conducted enquiry, is directly under the orders of M. Robert, who is Mayor of Possession! (*Vide* remarks No. 22). Case reported in same despatches as there mentioned.
30	6th May	Mandjadevin Carpadevin; Succession Vinson; Ste. Marie.	States that he is ill and does not receive proper medical care, and is made to work although unfit.	Deserted estate since March 17th; was fined on that account 25 francs; was in hospital September 1st to November 11th.	
31	6th "	Amany Ponin; M. Bellier de Villantroy; St. Denis (*vide* No. 33).	Was violently assaulted, in the presence of witnesses, by a creole named Popaul. This woman has already lodged a complaint before Commissaire de Police.	Case was sent to Parquet, but was returned "classé" through want of evidence and not being of a serious nature.	(*Vide* remarks No. 22.) Case reported in same despatches as there mentioned.

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No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant, Employer, or Estate.	Nature of complaint.	Reply of local authorities.	Remarks.
32	7th May	Joseph Armougom; M. Bellier de Villantroy; St. Denis (*vide* No. 37).	Her engagement has now been over for a month, and she wishes to be repatriated to India.	Request granted and woman has been sent to depôt to await repatriation.	
33	9th „	Amany Ponin; M. Bellier de Villantroy; St. Denis (*vide* No. 31).	Enclosing letter from M. Bellier containing information exactly similar in substance to complaint No. 31. Consul would therefore beg Protector to cause this case to be brought before the Courts.	M. Bellier's letter was sent to Parquet, but apparently had no effect on decision arrived at. Procureur de la Republique, in his letter to Protector, further states that as M. Bellier is already suing assaulter before Courts (for another offence), his interference on behalf of the woman might not be solely to uphold justice.	This case is undoubtedly a hard one, as there is no doubt that woman was assaulted. The very difficulty of proving assault lies in the fact that it is, at the same time, mixed up with the local "esprit de parte" in politics.
34	9th „	Coulin Sinacouty; Succession Vinson, Ste. Marie.	States that he was violently assaulted, in the presence of witnesses, by his overseer.	Case "classé" by Parquet. The three witnesses called in by man confirmed his statements, but three other engagés denied the facts.	(*Vide* Remarks No. 22.) Case reported in same despatches as there mentioned.
35	13th „	Appaya Sevaguingui; M. Robert, St. Denis.	States that he is ill, but does not receive proper medical care. He wishes to be sent to hospital.	Man has been seen by a doctor, who declares (medical certificate annexed) that he is only suffering with fever. He is now under regular medical treatment.	
36	13th „	Valliama Moutakelan, St. Denis.	Has been "dispensée d'engagement" for the last ten years, but now Syndic forces her to re-engage.	Statement untrue. Woman always evaded engagement and having been found out is now compelled to re-engage.	
37	20th „	Joseph Armougom; St. Denis (*vide* No. 32).	Has now been called up for military service as his father was born in the Colony.	This man will be exempted from military service under Decree of December 22nd, 1898.	
38	21st „	Poiny Sinavin; St. Denis.	Produces a medical certificate to the effect that she is unfit to contract another engagement. She wishes to obtain a "dispensée d'engagement."	Request granted.	
39	6th June	Samoudrom; M. Bellier; Ste. Suzanne.	Re-engaged, four months ago, to M. Bellier, who promised that he would not claim from him 100 francs damage, awarded by Courts, for serious injury to a mule through Samoudrim's carelessness. Now he is made to pay this fine.	This man received 150 francs, thus— 33 60 balance due to estate. 72·15 for assessed damages. 44·25 paid to himself. Frs. 150 00 Balance due *re* mule case now only amounts to Frs. 24·85.	
40	19th „	Marie Tirevedy; M. Isnard; St. Louis.	Her husband's engagement being now over, she would wish hers to be cancelled so as to follow her husband's at his new engagiste's.	This woman is not legally married, and her request cannot, therefore, be granted.	
41	21st „	Carpin Andy; Miss Sers; St. Denis.	Is engaged as a "colon partiaire." He was arrested by his engagiste's orders and kept in gaol 21 hours. Now this lady wishes to cancel engagement and keep the crops raised by him.	Man was arrested by police, being a deserter. Complaint unfounded as to crops. Engagement now cancelled.	
42	7th July	Ponin Sinapareddy; La Grande Ravine; St. Leu.	His engagement is over, but his master refuses to give up his livret.	Has 28 months' work to replace.	
43	8th „	Sanguily Carpanin; St. Denis.	This man is bearer of a medical certificate to the effect that he is unfit for work and wishes to obtain a "dispensée d'engagement."	Request granted.	
44	25th „	Ballin Sellin; M. Salaun; St. Denis.	States that he is ill, but does not receive proper medical care.	Was in hospital from June 27th to July 20th, when he was discharged by doctor's orders. His engagiste is quite willing to afford him further medical assistance.	
45	4th August	Ramsamy Sidambarom; M. Choppy; St. Pierre.	States that he engaged for four years and has now worked over five years, but his master still refuses to return his livret.	Engagement over June 16th, 1901, when he had 861 days of work to replace. In August this year he still has 596 days to replace.	
46	7th „	Chatona Pakirsane; St. Denis.	Wishes to engage to a Mrs. Bark, but Syndic refuses his sanction.	Sanction was refused because man was godson of Mrs. Bark. He has now, however, been permitted to engage that lady.	
47	9th „	Ratinom Antony; St. Denis	Wishes to leave for Madagascar and asks for a passport.	Request granted.	

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48	11th August	Hyadecan Housseny; M. de Heanlme; St. Paul.	Only received 20 francs wages for three months' work. Protector's attention especially drawn to fact that this man was born at St. Leu in this Island, is certainly over 21 years, and is still an engagé, although he comes under Article 2, Section 2, of Decree of 1881.	Complaint unfounded. Man received full amount of wages to which he was entitled. His birth was not registered, but as soon as a judgment is issued to that effect, he will cease to be an immigrant.	
49	13th "	Ernest Sevagamy; M. Vaily; St. Denis.	States that he was violently assaulted by a man named Salmon, in the presence of witnesses. Has already lodged a complaint with the police.	This man was assaulted by an outsider, and case does not concern Immigration Department. Case, however, was "classé" by Parquet, as Ernest was assaulted in a drunken brawl.	(*Vide* remarks N[illegible] 22.) Case reporte[illegible] in same desp[illegible]che[illegible] as t[illegible]
50	19th "	Ramin Latchimy; M. Claverie; Ste. Suzanne (*vide* No. 51).	Is too ill to give a coherent explanation, and should be sent to hospital and return to Consulate as soon as well enough.	Has been sent to hospital and will appear at Consulate when well.	
51	23rd "	Ramin Latchimy; M. Claverie; Ste. Suzanne (*vide* No. 50).	Appeared at Consulate this day and stated that he has received no medical attendance for one year. He looks very ill, and seems incapable of any work; yet he is sent back to his master.	Complaint unfounded, as he did receive medical care. This man, however, suffers from an incurable disease—leprosy.	Consul remonstrate[illegible] in a letter to Gov[illegible] ernor as to this ma[illegible] being thus allowe[illegible] to remain with th[illegible] other engagés. H[illegible] was at once sent t[illegible] the Lepros[illegible] Asylum.
52	30th "	Ellin Sellin; M. Lelièvre; St. Denis (*vide* No. 56).	States that his engagement has been over for the last eight months, but that his master refuses to return his livret. Also that he was violently assaulted by his master last night, and four months' wages due to him.	Engagement over on April 1st, last, man having then 309 days of work to put in. One month's wages due to him has now been paid. Assault was referred to Parquet, but returned "classé."	(*Vide* remarks No[illegible] 22.) This man is [illegible] well-known ba[illegible] character.
53	1st September	Alamele Mardemonton; St. Denis.	Wishes to be repatriated to India with her family.	Request granted.	
54	15th "	Saundrom Moutousavatchy; Savannah; St. Paul.	He is ill and unable to work, and does not receive proper medical care.	Complaint utterly unfounded. Man is very lazy and refuses to work.	
55	16th "	Kichenin Barbation; M. Sers; St. Denis.	States that this morning he was violently assaulted by his master and produces a medical certificate that he was really struck on both cheeks.	Case sent to Parquet. M. Sers was tried before Tribunal de Simple Police, but acquitted.	(*Vide* remarks No[illegible] 22.) Case reported in same despatche[illegible] as there mentioned
56	23rd "	Ellin Sellin; Mons. Lelièvre; St. Denis (*vide* No. 52).	Was only let out of gaol yesterday and ordered to return to his master, at St. Leu, but has no means to carry out this order as he cannot work.	Has now left by rail, care of "Sendarmerie."	
57	27th "	Mounien Andy; M. de Villèle; St. Paul.	States that he is ill and does not receive proper medical care.	Man was in hospital, but discharged by doctor's orders. He applied a blister to his side, before appearing at Consulate, to simulate illness. Is very lazy.	
58	29th "	Singuin Comorapian; M. Bellier; Bois Rouge.	Complains of having been violently assaulted by the zeraut of the estate.	Case sent to Parquet, but "classé" for want of evidence.	(*Vide* remarks No. 22.) Case reported in despatches there mentioned.
59	3rd October	Naguin Coupin; M. Adam de Villiers; Ste. Marie.	Feels too old to work in the fields, and asks that some light work be given him.	Request granted.	
60	3rd "	Apadon Yaganaïkalom; M. Adam de Villiers; Ste. Marie.	States that he was severely assaulted by a M. Hibon, employé of the estate, and produces a medical certificate to the effect that he bears marks of assault on neck, arms, and thighs.	Monsieur Hibon has been sentenced by Tribunal de Simple Police to 5 francs fine and costs.	(*Vide* remarks No. 22.) Case reported in same despatches as there mentioned.
61	15th "	Abjalean Amourkan; St. Denis (*vide* No. 28).	Wishes to obtain a "dispensée d'engagement" and produces a medical certificate to the effect that he is unfit for work.	Request granted.	
62	22nd "	Gobalsamy Aparpoule; M. de Kewequen; Ste. Suzanne.	States that his engagement has been over for the last three months, but his engagiste refuses to return his livret.	Complaint unfounded. He engaged M. de Keweguen in February last for five years, but it was agreed between them that M. de Keweguen would keep the bounty as a compensation for the loss of two mules drowned by complainant's fault. Immigration Department cannot, however, sanction such private arrangements, and case will be brought up before Juge de Paix.	Protector informed Consul in a subsequent letter that man had been tried and sentenced to pay his master damages amounting to 500 francs.

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